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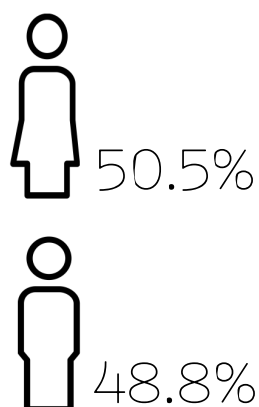
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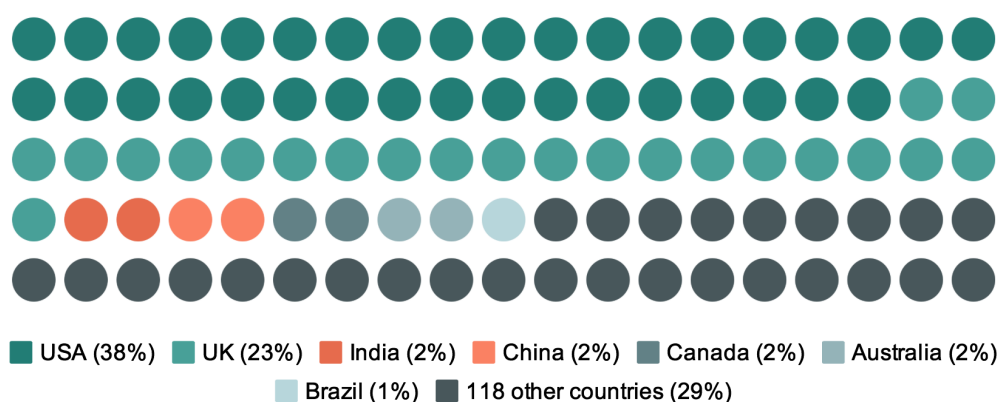
The OER Research Hub is a project funded by the Hewlett Foundation to research the impact of open educational resources (OER) on teaching and learning. During 2013-2015 survey data were collected from approximately 7,500 users of OER around the globe. This report presents a frequencies analysis of responses obtained from FORMAL LEARNERS.

Dataset available for download at http://figshare.com/articles/OERRH_Survey_Data_2013_2015/1528263

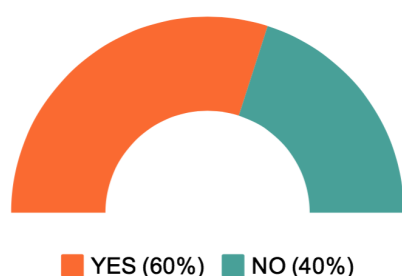
Sample



Country of residence



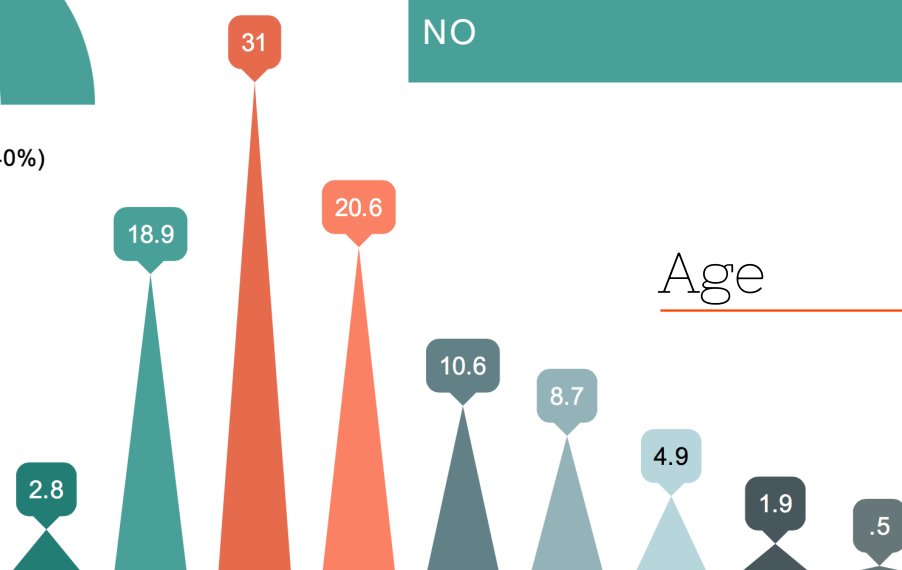
English as first language?



Disability?

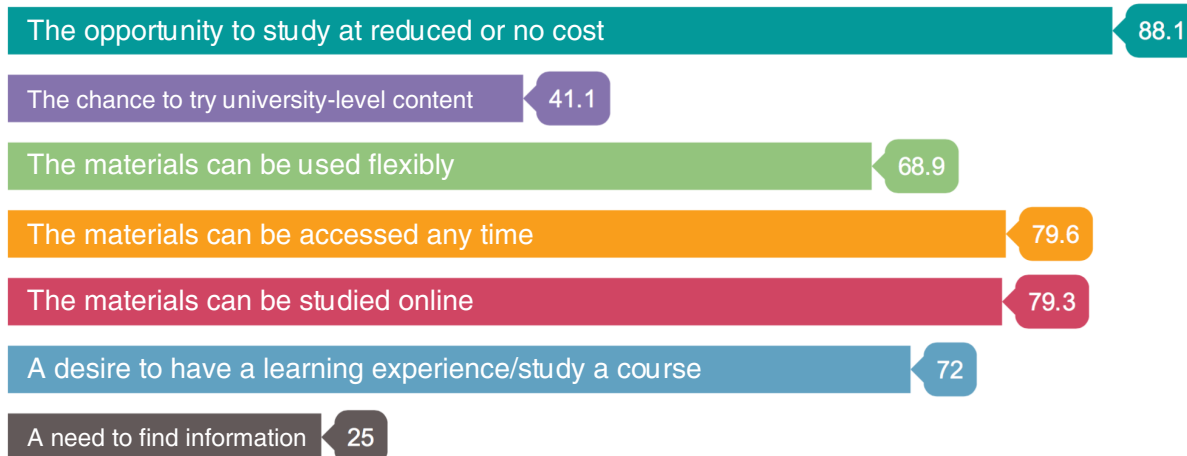


Age



Decision to use OER

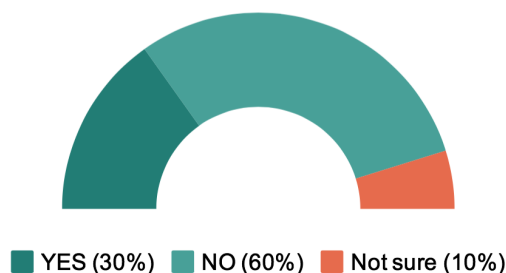
Which of the following factors influenced your decision to use OER? N=969



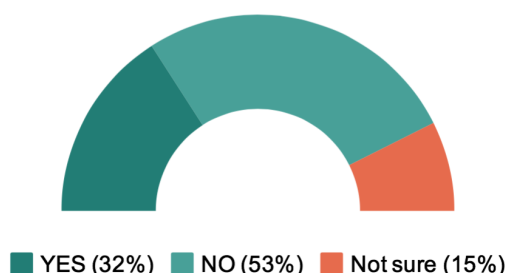
Cost and ease of access are the most important factors influencing formal learners' decision to use OER

From informal to formal

Did you study your subject via [OpenLearn] before joining your course? N=955



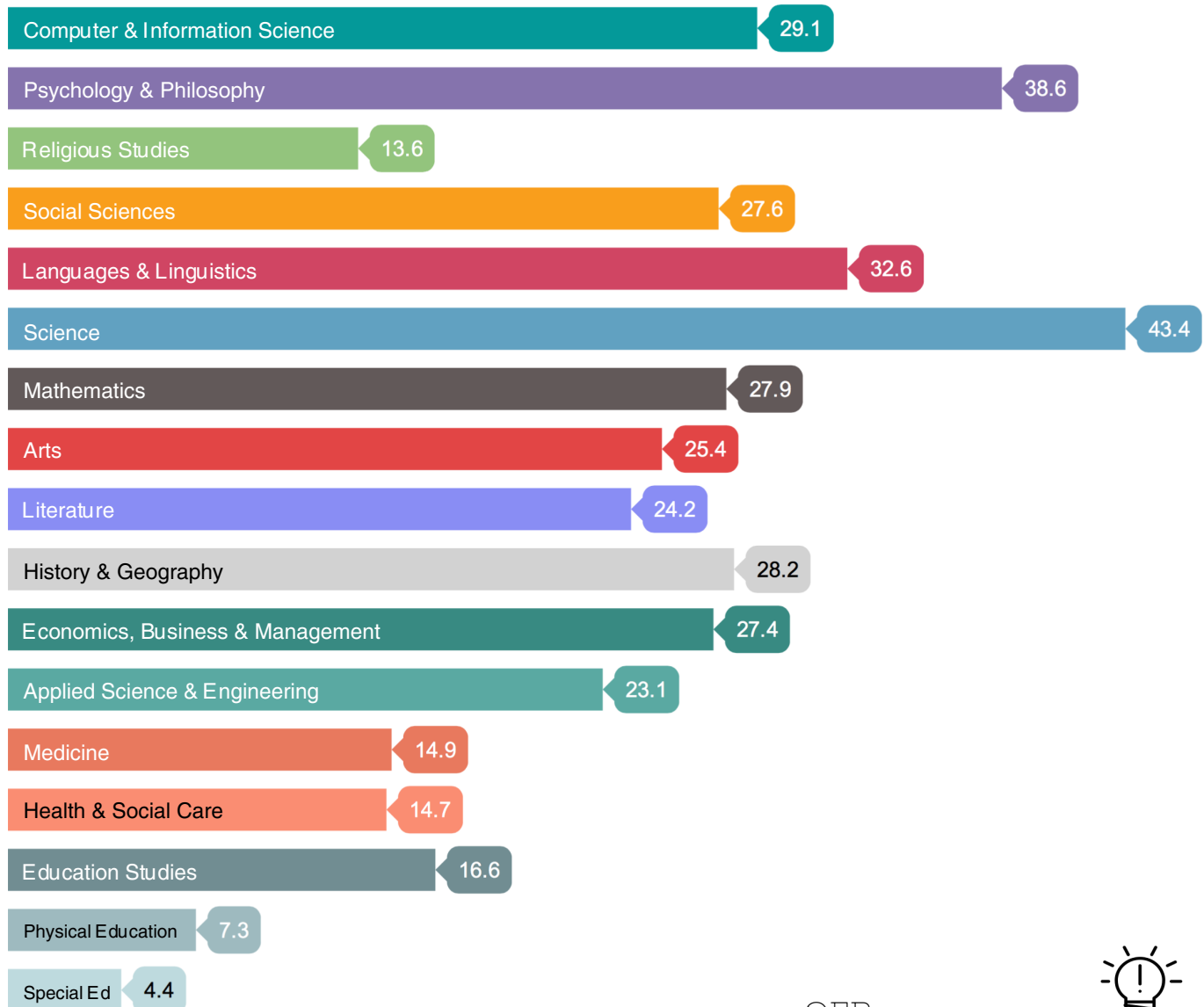
Did your use of [OpenLearn] influence your decision to register for your current course of study? N=934



The percentage of formal learners that report having used open content prior to registering for their course represents an underreported benefit of OER from which HE can potentially benefit

Use of OER

In what subject do you normally use OER? N=1199

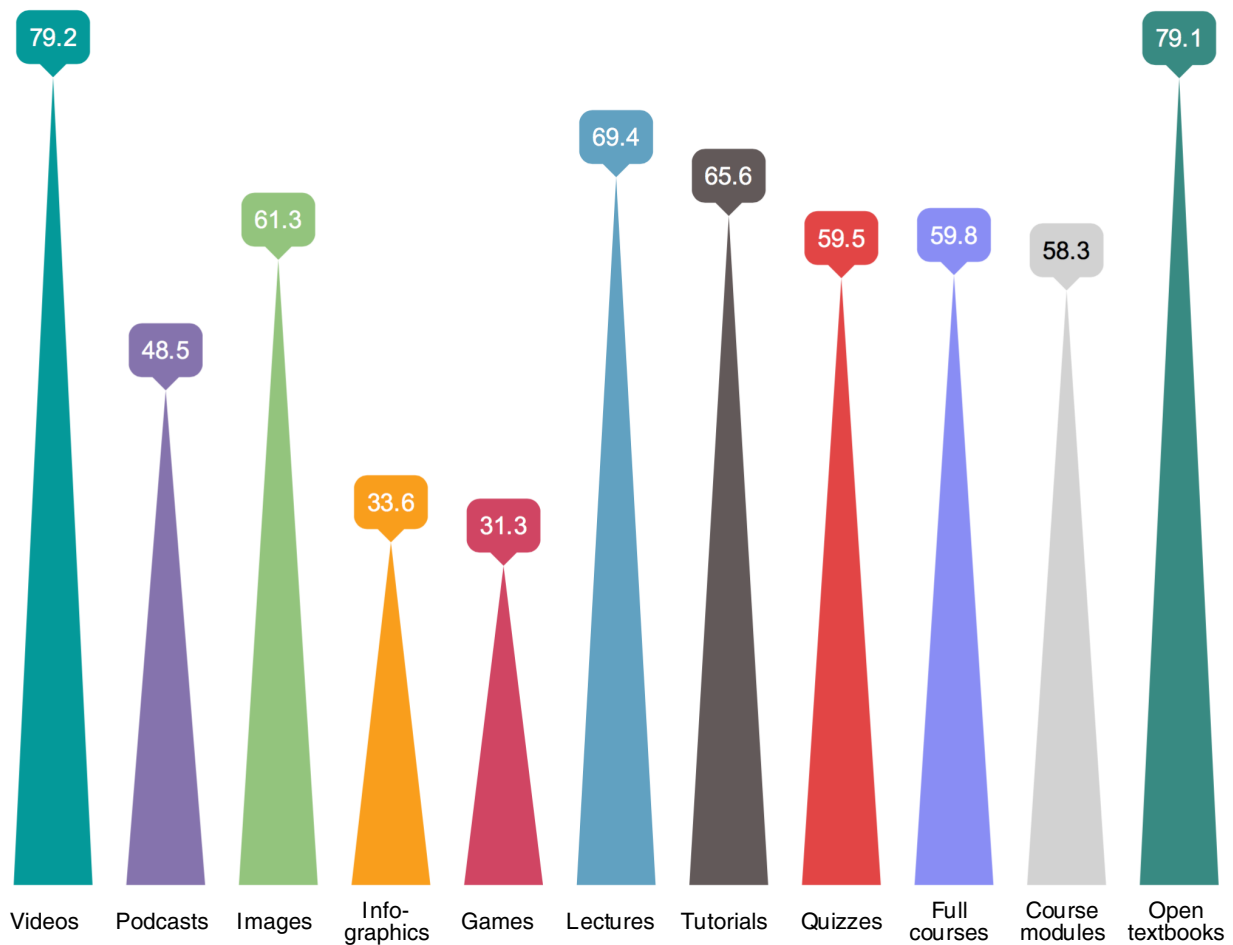


OER coverage
of subjects
wider than
STEM material



Types of OER

Which of the following types of OER have you used for studying? N=1887



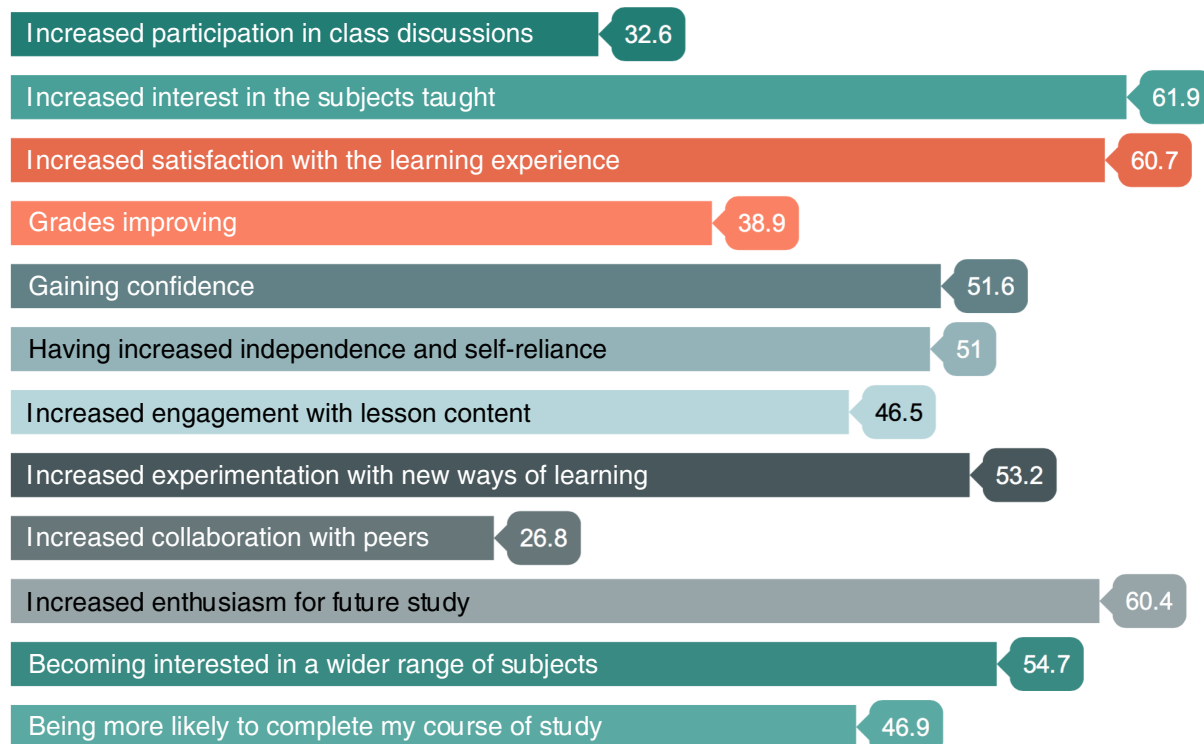
A smaller number of respondents (N=583) were asked about their use of lesson plans (50.1%), data sets (38.5%) and learning tools, instruments & software plugins (43.9%).

Formal learners use
a broad range of
open educational
resources



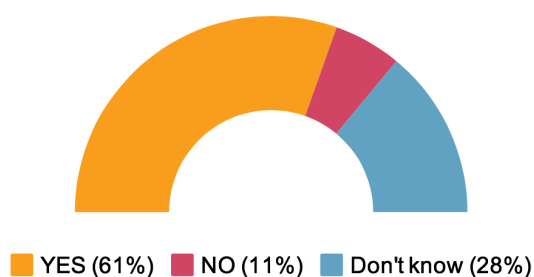
Impact of OER use

In which of these ways has your use of OER made an impact on your formal studies? N=1167

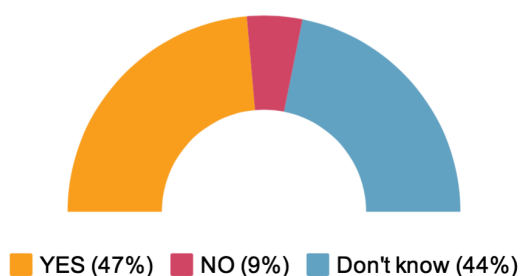


Biggest impact of OER use not on grades improving but on increased interest and enthusiasm for study

Do you believe you have saved money by using OER? N=322



Do you believe your institution benefits financially by using OER? N=309



Selecting OER

Which of the following factors would make you more likely to select a particular resource when searching for open educational content? N=802



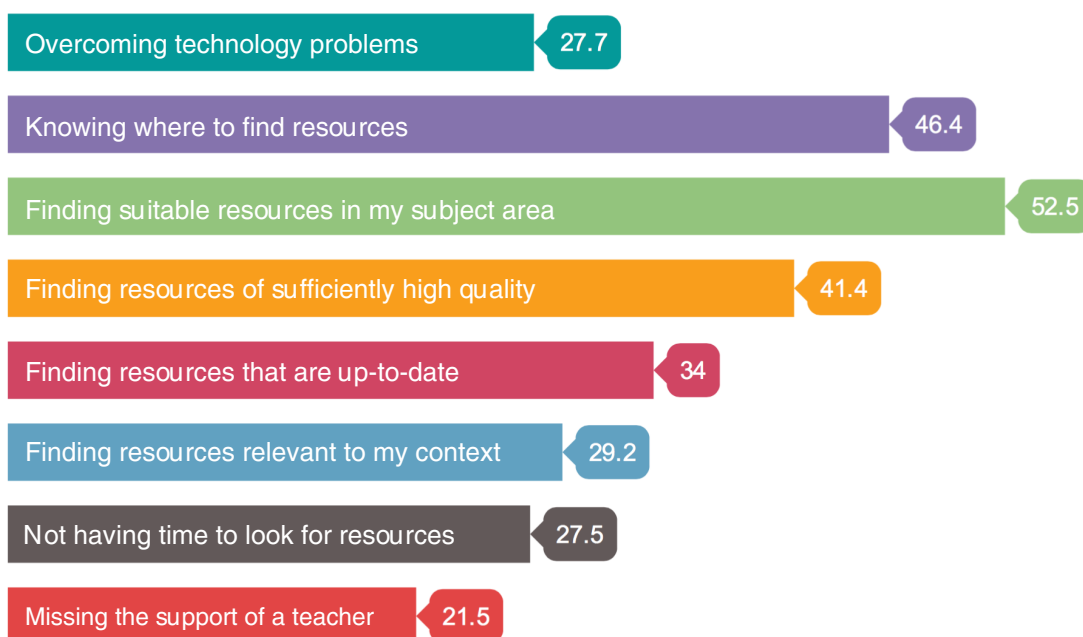
Relevance, reputation and clear learning objectives guide formal learners' selection of open content

Challenges of using OER

Which challenges, if any, do you most often face in using OER? N=1479



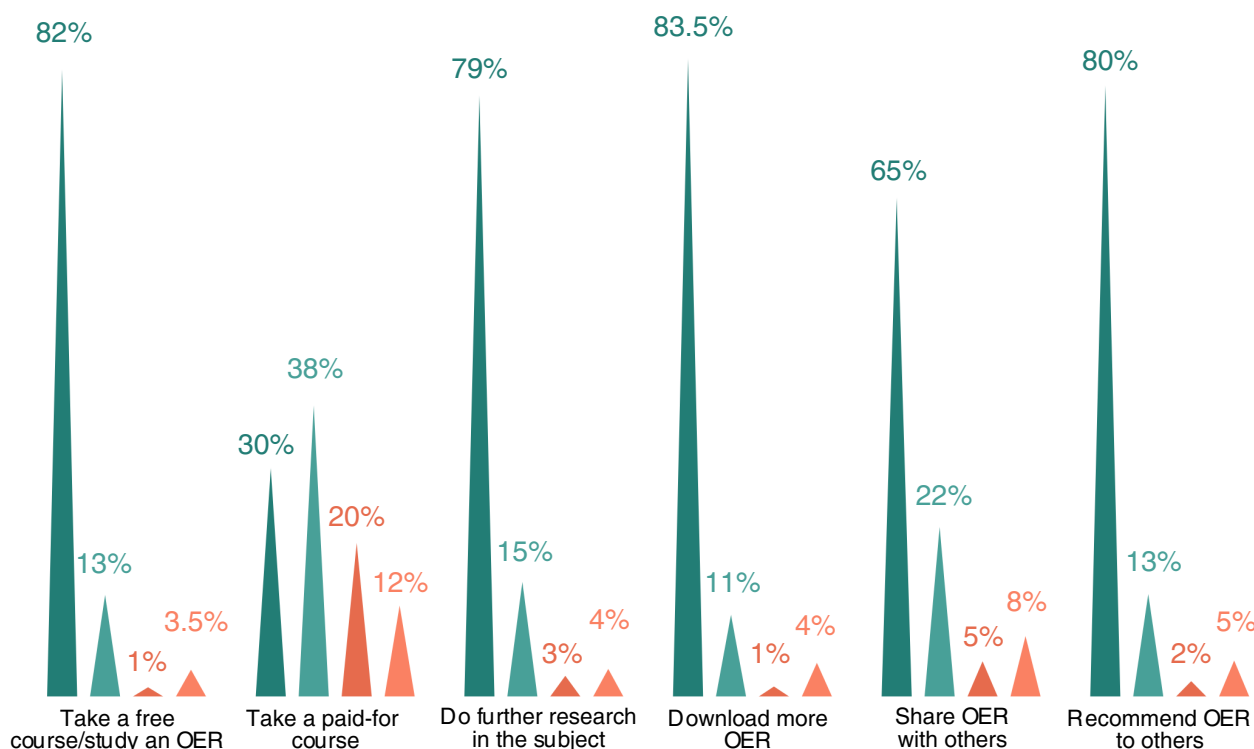
Discoverability of resources remains biggest challenge to OER adoption



Future behaviour

As a result of using [OpenLearn], how likely are you to do any of the following? N=1464

More likely No change Less likely Don't know



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